



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Davao del Sur  
**CITY OF DIGOS**  
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## OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21 Series of 2020

#### **AN ORDER DECLARING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF DIGOS DURING THE PERIOD OF COMMUNITY QUARANTINE DUE TO COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, under Article II of the Philippine Constitution, it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the general welfare and the right to health of the people;

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern due to COVID-19 Pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, the City Government of Digos issued last February 13, 2020 Executive Orders No. 007 and No. 008 series of 2020 in relation to the creation of COVID-19 Task Force and mandating all establishments to observe proper precautionary health measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, respectively;

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 cases in the Philippines continue to rise causing economic losses and putting the public health and general welfare of our people at risk;

**WHEREAS**, DOH confirmed positive COVID-19 cases in Iligan City and Tagum City where the latter cities already declared community quarantine and partial lockdown respectively;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health has raised the emergency alert level to Code Red Level 2, which requires that extreme precautionary measures must be practiced and observed;

**WHEREAS**, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued Proclamation Nos. 922 and 929 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency and State of Calamity, respectively, throughout the Philippines due to Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19);

**WHEREAS**, the City Government of Digos issued last March 16, 2020 Executive Order No. 19 series of 2020 declaring the entire City of Digos under Community Quarantine to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JOSEF F. CAGAS**, by virtue of the powers vested upon me as Local Chief Executive of the City of Digos, and pursuant to Executive Orders No. 16 and No. 19 series of 2020 and in addition to the previous guidelines issued by the City Government of Digos, do hereby order the following guidelines on the closure of business establishments:

- 1. Closure of Establishments.** In order to intensify the declaration of community quarantine and the policy of the City on social distancing, all business establishments such as but not limited to resorts, fitness centers, internet shops, gaming arcades, sports centers or clubs, billiard halls, basketball and volleyball courts, videoke or karaoke bars, spas, hair salons, barber shops, massage parlors and places of amusement like clubs, bars, pubs, gambling facilities with or without permits, and other similar establishments are hereby ordered to be **temporarily closed starting on Monday, March 23, 2020 until further notice**. However, only the following establishments are exempt from the order of closure:

- a. Hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, medical laboratories and other establishments whose nature of operation is relative to taking care of the sick, providing health care services, selling and producing of medical supplies, medicines and other establishments with similar nature and purpose;
  - b. Supermarkets, grocery stores, restaurants, fast food chains, convenience stores, 7/11 and other establishments whose business permits contain a 24/7 business operation or who are selling and producing food are exempted from the closure policy. However, whenever practicable and applicable, these establishments are strongly encouraged to provide take-out operations, delivery services or practice a no dine-in policy;
  - c. Gasoline stations, water refilling stations and others establishments with similar nature;
  - d. Hardware stores and those shops selling basic and essential household supplies, materials and devices or with similar nature;
  - e. Utility companies such as but not limited to DASURECO and Digos City Water District;
  - f. Telecommunication companies such as but not limited to Globe, Smart, PLDT companies; and
  - g. Banks and other establishments dealing with money transfer operations.
2. All establishments that are remained open or are exempted from the closure policy are strictly mandated to observe social distancing at all times.

This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until expressly revoked.

Done this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2020, Digos City, Davao del Sur.

  
**JOSE F. CAGAS**  
City Mayor